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CJCS SENDS
SUBJ: EXECUTE ORDER - RETURN OF DECEASED AMERICANS FROM GUYANA (U)
REF: A. JCS 280903Z NOV 78 (ALERT ORDER)
B. USCINCSO 281745Z NOV 78 (CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS)
C. AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN 281755Z NOV 78 (NOTAL)
1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
2. (U) SITUATION: PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT AS MANY AS 408 MEMBERS OF THE JONESTOWN PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNITY MAY BE DEAD REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION AND DISPOSITION.
3. (C) MISSION: RETURN DECEASED AMERICANS TO UNITED STATES.
4. (C) EXECUTION:
A. COURSE OF ACTION. ACTIVATE JTF AND DEPLOY FORCES TO GUYANA TO ASSUME CUSTODY OF DECEASED AND RETURN REMAINS TO DOVER AFB. MINIMIZE NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL IN TASK FORCE ELEMENTS IN GUYANA TO APPROXIMATELY 250. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO MODIFY CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (USCINCSO 281745Z NOV 78) IF UTILIZATION OF MATHEWS RIDGE AIRFIELD IS FEASIBLE TO INCLUDE C-130 AIRCRAFT. (REF C PERTAINS)
B. TASK FORCE ELEMENTS.

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(1) JTF HEADQUARTERS. (USCINCSO)
(2) GRAVE REGISTRATION TEAMS. (USCINCREO)
(3) MEDEVAC HELICOPTER PLATOON MINUS. (4 UH-1) (USCINCREO)
(4) SUPPORT ELEMENTS AS REQUIRED. (USCINCSO)
(5) MEDICAL CLEARING PLATOON. (USCINCREO)
(6) 3 HH-53 HELICOPTERS (EGLIN AFB). (CSAF)
(7) JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) (USCINCREO)
C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
(1) TIME FOR EXECUTION. ASAP.
(2) ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE OPERATION. APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.
(3) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINT. NIGHT OPERATIONS AT GEORGETOWN REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL BY GOG.
(4) DIRLAUTH ALCO. COORDINATE EVACUATION OF BODIES AND MORTUARY SERVICES WITH AIR FORCE CASUALTY OPS CENTER RANDOLPH AFB TX AUTOVON 487-6455.
(5) COORDINATE DEPLOYMENT DEPARTURE TIME/PLACE WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE, MR. CALDERHEAD, COMMERCIAL 632-9338 FOR 3-6 STATE PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY DEPLOYING UNITS.
(6) CARRYING OF WEAPONS AND/OR PERSONNEL FOR OFFENSIVE

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PURPOSES IS NOT AUTHORIZED. INDIVIDUAL SIDE ARMS TO INCLUDE THE M-16 RIFLE FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL MAY BE CARRIED. AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN GOG.
(7) PREPOSITIONING OF CREWS/EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT HH-53 DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZED.
5. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
A. MOVEMENT PRIORITY 182 ASSIGNED.
B. STATE DEPARTMENT WILL REIMBURSE DOD FOR OPERATING COSTS. ALL CINCS MAINTAIN EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTING. REQUEST COST ESTIMATE FOR AIRLIFT AND OPERATIONS BE FORWARDED TO JCS ASAP.
C. PA GUIDANCE: SEE ALERT ORDER.
6. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.
A. USCINCSO SUPPORTED COMMANDER. USCINCREO AND CINCMAC SUPPORTING COMMANDERS. CSAF PROVIDE 3 HH-53 AIRCRAFT TO USCINCSO, CHOP AS MUTUALLY AGREED.
B. JTF COMMANDER MAKE DIRECT LIAISON AND COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR GEORGETOWN.
C. SIGNAL. USCINCSO PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE ESTABLISHING THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS NETS TO THE NMCC FROM USCINCSO/JTF COMMAND CENTER:

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(1) SECURE VOICE COMMAND NET.
(2) SECURE VOICE REPORTING NET.
(3) SECURE TELETYPE NET.
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